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Page 6, please delete the fifth full paragraph, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

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The treated filler is then added to the organic compound, i.e. very low density polyethylene (VLDPE) at a concentration of 5% by weight. The mixture is then blended for 5 min at 160 °C, after which it is extruded or molded around the cable.

Respectfully submitted,

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